

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article, comprising:
- a longitudinal axis; and
 - a back waist region that includes:
 - a first side ear on a first side of the longitudinal axis;
 - a second side ear on a second side of the longitudinal axis; and
 - an intermediate stretch region disposed between the side ears and having an intermediate lateral tensile modulus;
 - wherein the first side ear includes a first fastener and a first side ear stretch region having a first side ear lateral tensile modulus that is greater than or about equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.
22. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 21 wherein the first side ear lateral tensile modulus is greater than the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.
23. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 21 wherein the first side ear lateral tensile modulus is about equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.
24. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 21 wherein the first side ear lateral tensile modulus is equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

25. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 21 wherein the second side ear includes a second fastener and a second side ear stretch region having a second side ear lateral tensile modulus that is greater than or equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

26. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 25 wherein the first side ear lateral tensile modulus and the second side ear lateral tensile modulus are each greater than the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

27. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 25 wherein the first side ear lateral tensile modulus and the second side ear lateral tensile modulus are each about equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

28. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 25 wherein the first side ear lateral tensile modulus and the second side ear lateral tensile modulus are each equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

29. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 21 wherein the intermediate stretch region is included in a backsheet of the article.

30. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 29 wherein an elastomeric element is attached to the backsheet in the intermediate stretch region.

31. (New) A pant-type disposable wearable absorbent article, comprising:
a longitudinal axis; and
a first side panel on a first side of the longitudinal axis;
a second side panel on a second side of the longitudinal axis; and

an intermediate stretch region disposed in a back waist region of the article between the side panels and having an intermediate lateral tensile modulus;

wherein the first side panel includes a first side panel stretch region having a first side panel lateral tensile modulus that is greater than or about equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

32. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 31 wherein the first side panel lateral tensile modulus is greater than the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

33. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 31 wherein the first side panel lateral tensile modulus is about equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

34. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 31 wherein the first side panel lateral tensile modulus is equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

35. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 31 wherein the second side panel includes a second side panel stretch region having a second side panel lateral tensile modulus that is greater than or equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

36. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 35 wherein the first side panel lateral tensile modulus and the second side panel lateral tensile modulus are each greater than the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

37. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 35 wherein the first side panel lateral tensile modulus and the second side panel lateral tensile modulus are each about equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

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38. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 35 wherein the first side panel lateral tensile modulus and the second side panel lateral tensile modulus are each equal to the intermediate lateral tensile modulus.

39. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 31 wherein the intermediate stretch region is included in a backsheet of the article.

40. (New) The front-fastenable disposable wearable absorbent article of claim 39 wherein an elastomeric element is attached to the backsheet in the intermediate stretch region.